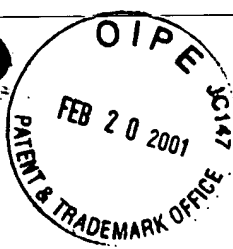


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Reconsideration of the rejections imposed in the Office Action dated December 6, 2000 is respectfully solicited in light of the following Remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 2 through 7 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C.

§112.

In the statement of the rejection, the Examiner asserted that claims 2 through 7 do not properly limit claim 1, but limit an apparatus. It was also asserted that claim 7 was vague in employing a negative limitation with respect to a cooling medium. This rejection is respectfully but vigorously traversed.